

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-12. (Canceled)

13. (New) A pressure booster for a fuel injection device, comprising  
a piston-shaped pressure boosting element (5) that is accommodated in a housing (10) and  
divides a working chamber (2) and a differential pressure chamber (6) from each other,  
a control line (7) connecting the differential pressure chamber (6) to a high-pressure  
source or to pressure-relieve it into a low-pressure region,  
an annular insert (15) in the housing (10),  
a return spring (13) acting on the piston-shaped pressure boosting element (5), the return  
spring (13) resting against the annular insert (15), and  
a damping throttle (24) in the insert (15, 35) via which fuel flows from the working  
chamber (2) of the pressure booster (1) into a hydraulic chamber (22) when the pressure in the  
differential pressure chamber (6) is relieved.

14. (New) The pressure booster according to claim 13, wherein a delimiting surface (23) of the  
insert (15, 35) and a hydraulically effective surface (32, 34) on the piston-shaped pressure  
boosting element (5) delimit the hydraulic chamber (22).

15. (New) The pressure booster according to claim 13, further comprising means cancelling the action of the damper throttle (24) after the pressure damping element (5) has traveled a particular stroke distance.

16. (New) The pressure booster according to claim 14, wherein in the idle position of the piston-shaped pressure boosting element (5), the insert (15, 35) covers over an annular surface (34) of the piston-shaped pressure boosting element (5) adjoining the hydraulically effective surface (32).

17. (New) The pressure booster according to claim 13, wherein the insert (15) functioning as a damping element comprises an outer ring (19), and an inner ring (20) that delimits a through opening (28).

18. (New) The pressure booster according to claim 17, wherein the outer ring (19) rests on a support surface (17) of a housing part (10.2) of the housing (10).

19. (New) The pressure booster according to claim 17, wherein the outer ring (19) is accommodated in a recess of a wall (11) of the working chamber (2) of the pressure booster.

20. (New) The pressure booster according to claims 13, further comprising the means cancelling the action of the damper throttle (24) after the pressure damping element (5) has traveled a particular stroke distance, and wherein the piston-shaped pressure boosting element (5) comprises a control edge (25), which the insert (15, 35) covers in the idle position of the piston-shaped pressure boosting element (5).

21. (New) The pressure booster according to claim 20, wherein the piston-shaped pressure boosting element (5) comprises open surfaces (26) adjoining the control edge (25), and wherein the circumferential surface of the pressure boosting element (5) in the region of the open surfaces (26) serves to guide and/or center the return spring (13).

22. (New) The pressure booster according to claim 21, wherein the open surfaces (26) are embodied as ground surfaces on the piston-shaped pressure boosting element (5).

23. (New) The pressure booster according to claim 21, wherein the open surfaces (26) extend into the working chamber (2).

24. (New) The pressure booster according to claim 13, wherein the insert (35) functioning as a damping element is embodied as disk-shaped and is accommodated in a recess (18) of a first housing part (10.1) of the housing (10).